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SUBJECT: MEETING OF INDUSTRY COMMITTEE, MARCH 28-30, 1973

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1. SUMMARY: THE INDUSTRY COMMITTEE APPROVED A REPORT AND DRAFT COUNCIL RECOMMENDATION ON THE PRIMARY ALUMINUM INDUSTRY, AND A PROPOSAL FOR A ONE- YEAR STUDY OF THE IRON AND STEEL INDUSTRY. IT ELECTED AN EXPANDED BUREAU AS PART OF EFFORT TO STREAMLINE PROCEDURES. INDUSTRY COMMITTEE'S WP ON INTERNATIONAL ENTERPRISES WILL MEET MAY 14-16 TO CONTINUE ITS REVIEW OF STATISTICS AND OF MEMBER- GOVERNMENTS' ATTITUDES AND POLICIES TOWARDS INTERNATIONAL ENTERPRISES. ACTION REQUESTED: SEE PARAS 4, AND 7 AND 9. END SUMMARY.

2. ORGANIZATION OF WORK. COMMITTEE AGREED TO TEXT OF NOTE ON LONG- TERM PROBLEMS IN INDUSTRY WHICH ARE LIKELY TO BE OF CONCERN TO IT IN FUTURE YEARS WITH RELATIVELY FEW CHANGES ( DIE/ IND/72.40 1 ST REV.). AS PART OF EFFORT TO STREAMLINE WORKING PROCEDURES, COMMITTEE DECIDED TO ELECT ENLARGED BUREAU WHICH WILL IN EFFECT ACT AS STEERING GROUP. DRAHOTSKY ( CANADA) ELECTED CHAIRMAN, LOMBARDI ( ITALY) HONORARY VICE- CHAIRMAN, COOK ( US) VICE- CHAIRMAN, UNCLASSIFIED

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COESSENS ( BELGIUM) VICE- CHAIRMAN AND HAAR ( NORWAY),  
VICE - CHAIRMAN. OTHER MEMBERS OF ENLARGED BUREAU, ADDED  
FOR GEOGRAPHICAL BALANCE, ARE DELEGATES FROM JAPAN,  
AUSTRALIA AND SPAIN.

3. INDUSTRIAL POLICY. COMMITTEE DECIDED TO CONCENTRATE  
ITS STUDY OF INDUSTRIAL POLICY INSTRUMENTS ON CATEGORIES  
1 AND 11 OF DIE/ IND/73.4. THESE CATEGORIES INCLUDE  
FINANCIAL AND FISCAL INCENTIVES TO PRODUCTIVE INVESTMENT  
IN GENERAL, INSTRUMENTS SPECIFICALLY DESIGNED TO INCREASE  
EFFICIENCY SMALL AND MEDIUM SIZE ENTERPRISES, AND  
INSTRUMENTS FOR FACILITATING ADJUSTMENT OF ENTERPRISES OF  
ALL SIZES.( SECRETARIAT WILL SUBMIT TO NEXT MEETING OF  
INDUSTRY COMMITTEE A DETAILED DRAFT QUESTIONNAIRE DESIGNED  
TO OBTAIN INFORMATION ON OBJECTIVES OF VARIOUS INSTRUMENTS,  
ON THE MECHANISMS FOR THEIR APPLICATION AND ON THEIR  
EFFECTIVENESS. SECRETARIAT WILL ALSO PROPOSE DRAFT  
FORMAT FOR UPDATING INFORMATION ALREADY SUBMITTED ON INDUSTRIAL  
POLICY, WITH VIEW TO HAVING PERIODIC ROUND- TABLE DISCUSSIONS  
OF MAJOR POLICY CHANGES.

4. ALUMINUM. REPORT ON " PROBLEMS AND PROSPECTS OF PRIMARY  
ALUMINUM INDUSTRY" APPROVED ENTHUSIASTICALLY AND RECOMMENDED  
FOR RAPID PUBLICATION. DRAFT COUNCIL RECOMMENDATION PROPOSED  
IN DIE/ IND/ AL/73.5 ALSO APPROVED WITH AMENDMENT TO  
PART 1,3 PROPOSED BY US AND GENERALLY WELCOMED AS IMPROVING  
OVERALL BALANCE OF RECOMMENDATION. AUSTRALIA, CANADA, JAPAN  
AND US OPPOSED SETTING UP NEW AD HOC WORKING PARTY FOR  
ALUMINUM, WHILE EIGHT OTHER DELEGATIONS WERE IN FAVOR.  
COMPROMISES REACHED ON ESTABLISHMENT OF GROUP FOR ONE  
YEAR PERIOD WITH PRECISELY DEFINED MANDATE. MEMBER  
COUNTRIES INVITED TO SEND VIEWS ON MANDATE FOR GROUP AS  
SOON AS POSSIBLE TO SECRETARIAT, WHICH WILL SUBMIT DRAFT  
TO NEXT INDUSTRY COMMITTEE MEETING FOR DISCUSSION AND  
APPROVAL.

5. IRON AND STEEL. COMMITTEE ACCEPTED WITH MINOR AMENDMENT  
PROPOSAL IN DIE/ GS/ IS/73.33 FOR CREATION OF AD HOC WP  
TO UNDERTAKE STUDY OF IRON AND STEEL INDUSTRY WITHIN  
PERIOD OF 12 MONTHS. DURING THIS PERIOD NEW WP WILL  
CONTINUE CURRENT ACTIVITIES OF GROUP ON INVESTMENT IN  
IRON AND STEEL INDUSTRY, WHICH NOW TERMINATED. AS NO  
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CONSENSUS REACHED ON EXTENT TO WHICH MANDATE PROVIDES FOR

IN- DEPTH STUDY OF GOVERNMENT POLICY MEASURES WHICH HAVE  
SIGNIFICANT EFFECT ON INDUSTRY STRUCTURE, MATTER LIKELY  
TO BE WORKED OUT IN PRACTICAL FASHION WITHIN WP ITSELF.

6. PULP AND PAPER. COMMITTEE REFERRED REPORT ON INFLUENCE OF  
GOVERNMENTAL MEASURES ON PULP AND PAPER INDUSTRY BACK TO  
WP TO REPORT ON WHETHER IT COULD BE MADE MORE MEANINGFUL  
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AND MORE RESPONSIVE TO MANDATE. WP ALSO ASKED TO  
PRESENT AT COMMITTEE'S NEXT SESSION PLAN FOR PROCEEDING  
WITH ADDITIONAL PRIORITY QUESTIONS, ALONG WITH ESTIMATE  
OF SECRETARIAT SUPPORT WHICH WILL BE REQUIRED.

7. INTERNATIONAL ENTERPRISES. COMMITTEE DECIDED THAT  
PENDING FURTHER INSTRUCTIONS FROM HIGHER BODIES OF OECD,  
WP ON INTERNATIONAL ENTERPRISES SHOULD CONTINUE WITH ITS  
REVIEW OF STATISTICS, GOVERNMENT ATTITUDES AND POLICIES.  
NEXT MEETING OF WP SET FOR MAY 14-16. COMMENT: US ASKED  
PRIVATELY BY SECRETARIAT IF IT WOULD BE PREPARED TO MAKE  
PRESENTATION ON ITS POLICIES TOWARDS INTERNATIONAL  
ENTERPRISES AT NEXT MEETING. MISSION WOULD APPRECIATE  
REPLY FOR TRANSMISSION TO SECRETARIAT.

8. SERVICE SECTOR. SECRETARIAT WILL CONVENE MEETING OF  
EXPERTS IN MAY TO WHICH IT WILL SUBMIT ANALYSIS OF ALL

REPLIES TO PREVIOUSLY CIRCULATED QUESTIONNAIRE. US, JAPAN, FRANCE, CANADA, AND SWEDEN REAFFIRMED STRONG INTEREST THIS SUBJECT DURING BRIEF DISCUSSION OF SECRETARIAT NOTE ON MAJOR ISSUES DISCUSSED ON ECONOMIC LITERATURE ( DIE/ IND/73.9).

9. FOOTWEAR. UNDER OTHER BUSINESS, CANADA CIRCULATED PROPOSAL TO CONVENE GROUP OF EXPERTS WHICH WOULD DETERMINE ADVISABILITY OF ESTABLISHING AD HOC WP TO UNCLASSIFIED

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DO ONE- YEAR STUDY OF TRENDS, PROBLEMS, AND GOVERNMENT MEASURES IN LEATHER FOOTWEAR INDUSTRY, . DELEGATES INVITED TO SUBMIT COMMENTS TO SECRETARIAT BEFORE NEXT MEETING OF INDUSTRY COMMITTEE, AT WHICH DECISION WILL BE TAKEN ON PROPOSAL.

10. INDUSTRIAL DISUTILITIES. COMMITTEE AGREED TO SPONSOR JOINT POLICY ISSUES GROUP ON WASTE DISPOSAL , ALONG WITH AGRICULTURE AND ENVIRONMENT COMMITTEES ( ENV(73)11). US, CANADA, ITALY, JAPAN AND NORWAY VOLUNTEERED TO PROVIDE INDUSTRIAL EXPERTISE TO GROUP EITHER THROUGH BRIEFING OF DELEGATION OR PROVISION OF SUITABLE EXPERT.

11. FUTURE MEETING. INDUSTRY COMMITTEE BUREAU SCHEDULED TO MEET JUNE 18, FOLLOWED BY 2- DAYS MEETING OF PLENARY. AMONG SUBJECTS COMMITTEE WILL DISCUSS AT NEXT MEETING, IN ADDITION TO THOSE MENTIONED ABOVE, ARE 1974 WORK PROGRAM AND RELATIONSHIP BETWEEN WP6 ( REGIONAL DEVELOPMENT) AND INDUSTRY COMMITTEE.  
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